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Calendar of Events

- Aug. 28, 31—Eureka, 9th District Fair.
Aug. 28, 31—Woodland, Yolo County Fair.
Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Salinas, Rodeo, Monterey Sheriff's Posse.
Aug. 30-31—Concord, Trail Ride, Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Ass'n.
Aug. 30-Sept. 1—MacArthur, Inter-Mountain Fair of Shasta County.
Aug. 30-Sept. 14—Sacramento, California State Fair.
Sept. 1—Concord, Horse Show, Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Ass'n.
Sept. 5-7—Yreka, Siskiyou County Fair.
Sept. 5-7—Cedarville, Modoc County Fair.
Sept. 5, 7—San Fernando, San Fernando Valley Fair.
Sept. 6, 9—Woodside, Trail Ride, San Mateo Mounted Patrol.
Sept. 9, 14—Merced, Merced County Fair.
Sept. 10, 13—Sonora, Fair-Horse Show, Tuolumne County Fair and Horse Show.
Sept. 13, 14—San Mateo Gymkhana Club Junior Show and Hunter Trials.
Sept. 14—Gridley Horse Show, Butte County Horsemen's Ass'n.
Sept. 21—Fairfax Rodeo, Mounted Sheriff's Posse of Marin.
Sept. 21—Cressmount Equestrian Clinic, Mills College.
Sept. 28—Oakdale, Horse Show, Oakdale Saddle Club.
Sept. 28—Los Angeles, All Arabian Show, Arabian Society of California.
Oct. 11-12—Oakland, Horse Show, Metropolitan Horsemen's Ass'n.
Oct. 16, 19—Stockton, Convention & Horse Show, CSHA.
Oct. 26—2nd Annual East Bay Show, Cressmount.
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Editorial

This year's MHA horse show promises to reflect the desires of each individual member as closely as any democratic election expresses the wishes of the voters.

You each received a double post card, about August 1, asking you to check the twenty-two horse show classes out of a possible twenty-six that you preferred to see in our Metropolitan Horsemen's show. The results have been tabulated, and the classes receiving the most votes will be incorporated into the program.

The highest number of votes was cast for an Open Stock Horse class, closely followed by the Trail Stake, and Western Pairs in the Western division of the show. The classes getting the fewest votes in that division were the Palomino and Pinto Trail classes.

In the Saddle Horse division, which received the second highest total number of votes, the Pleasure Horse class outranked all others. The next three places were tied by the Five-gaited Open, Five-gaited Stake, and Fine Harness classes. The Roadster class received fewest votes in this division.

In the Hunter and Jumper division, the Touch and Out class received the highest number of votes, closely followed by the Green Jumper, Handy Hunter, and Open Stake classes. The Back Alley Course received the fewest votes in this division.

In the miscellaneous classes, the Colt Parade far outranked the Polo Pony class. In fact, the Colt class ranked eighth among the twenty-six classes listed, so you can't say the Editor talked up a Colt class just because she happens to have a colt of her own.

Those are the highlights of your voting. You've cast your ballot—now cast your enthusiasm and support 100 per cent behind our MHA show and make it the success we all desire.

—Blanche Paul, Editor.

THE COVER

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR SHOW

Top row (left to right): *Joyce ?, Marlene Playa, Pat Rukavina, Donnie Sibert, and Paul Sibert; Norma Burton jumping Idiot's Delight.

Center (left to right): Jack Reim with Rum Punch; Loretta Cosca on Poppy.

Lower (left to right): Team of Stanley Cosca and Harold Cummins; Mrs. Lucille Simons riding Golden Rainbow.

*TRAIL BLAZER was successful in identifying all riders with exception of one Junior. The first name is Joyce — can anyone supply the missing surname?

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NEXT MEETING

3rd QUARTERLY OPEN FORUM



DATE: Thursday, Sept. 11, 1947

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: Woodminster Theater Club Room



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SECRETARY'S MAIL BAG

Quite often interesting items are sent to the secretary, and the only way to get this information to the members is through the Trail Blazer.

This month, we found two invitations in the mail bag—one from the Martinez Horsemen's Association and the other from the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Association. Our Martinez neighbors would like us to participate in the Fall Sports Festival, sponsored by the Alhambra Alumni Club on September 12, 13, and 14. There will be a parade on Sunday noon, September 14th, with the horse division assigned to the first section. The parade will be followed by the dedication of the California State Riding and Hiking Trail, a ceremony that is to be witnessed by all mounted groups. After the parade, there will be a gigantic salmon barbecue and refreshments—all free! Free feed and stalls will be provided for those who wish to come on Friday or Saturday and remain over. Members wishing to attend are asked to notify the Secretary or contact William T. Nulty, President of Martinez Horsemen's Association, 911 Court Street, Martinez.

The Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association has asked members of MHA to participate in a parade scheduled for Labor Day, Monday, September 1st. The parade will be followed by the Annual Horse Show and the presentation of awards and trophies to the winners of the trail ride. MHA members interested in attending, are asked to get in touch with the secretary so that arrangements can be made for group participation.

The Monterey County Sheriff's Posse recently sent several tickets for chances on a Garcia Roping Saddle to be held September 1st at the rodeo in Salinas. Should any of you members desire tickets (\$1.00 each) send the money and your address to the secretary and tickets will be forwarded to you. You do not have to be present to win the saddle.

Another saddle is to be given away on October 26 by the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win this Silver mounted saddle. Contact the secretary for tickets.

Several members have asked about those good looking MHA pins. Tom Whittle has a good supply on hand and they can be had by simply sending your money and address to the secretary. Gold pins are \$2.15 and silver pins are \$2.00. Immediate delivery guaranteed!

The Saddle Registration Plan is now in effect. Why not register your saddle with your local saddlery and insure it against theft.

Thanks for the cooperation in notifying the secretary of the many changes of address. It is only through your help that we are able to keep the mailing list up-to-date and the Trail Blazer delivered to you.

Mary Gale, Secretary.

SADDLE REGISTRATION PLAN

Attention: All saddle owners, all saddleries, all peace officers!

For some time it has been the desire of the California State Horsemen's Association to work out a plan for registering saddles. The numerous saddle thefts occurring each year and the difficulty encountered in locating the owners of recovered saddles has been a spur to this project. The following plan has been worked out with the help and guidance of several saddle houses. We earnestly solicit the cooperation of all member organizations, all saddle owners, all saddleries, and all peace officers in the State.

Any saddlery that is an Associate Member of the California State Horsemen's Association and has been approved by some member organization or a Regional Vice-President may register saddles.

The charge for registering a saddle shall be one dollar. Fifty cents of this is retained by the saddlery and fifty cents goes to the CSHA for maintenance of the records.

A saddlery, properly approved and an Associate Member, signifies a willingness to register saddles. We forward to them the registration forms which are to be made out in quadruplicate. The first and third copies go to the CSHA, the second copy is kept by the saddlery for their records, and the last copy is given to the saddle owner.

Either new or old saddles may be registered. On old saddles the number shall be stamped on the right side of the gullet. On new saddles the number must be stamped in the same place in the same manner, but it would also be well in the making up of these saddles to assign a number to them before they are completed and stamp that number on the tree or other obscure places so that if a number is defaced by a thief, there would be a hidden identification.

On English saddles the number should be stamped under the seat jockey on the left side.

We feel that there will be some defacing of numbers, but after the plan has been in operation for some time, no one will want to fool with a saddle that has obviously been defaced where the number should be.

The identification shall consist of a letter, followed by a number or numbers and ending with a letter. The CSHA will assign these letters to each saddlery. The first letter will indicate the county or district in which the saddlery is located and the last letter will indicate which saddlery in that county or district registered the saddle.

The following is the Table of Letters assigned to the Counties and which will constitute the first letter of the identification.

(Reprint from CSHA Bulletin)

A—San Diego.
B—Imperial, Riverside.
C—San Bernardino, Orange.
D—Los Angeles.
E—Los Angeles.
F—Ventura, Santa Barbara.
G—San Luis Obispo, Kern.
H—Monterey, San Benito.
I—Kings, Tulare, Inyo.
J—Fresno, Madera, Mono.
K—Merced, Mariposa, Tuolumne.
L—San Mateo, Santa Cruz.
M—Alameda, Santa Clara.
N—Contra Costa, San Joaquin.
P—Stanislaus, Calaveras, Alpine.
Q—San Francisco.
R—Marin, Sonoma.
S—Solano, Napa.
T—Yolo, Sacramento.
U—Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada.
V—Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Glen.
W—Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Sierra.
X—Humboldt, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Trinity.
Y—Shasta, Tehama, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas.

The letter "Z" will be held in reserve for the present.

The letter "O" will be used as a numeral only.

For instance, The Garfield Saddlery in Turlock, Stanislaus County, would, if they were the first saddlery registering saddles in that county or district, be assigned the letter A. Their first saddle registered would be PIA. If Lichtenberger-Ferguson of Los Angeles was the sixth saddlery registering saddles in their county, their 132nd saddle would be numbered D132F. If we received an inquiry from the Sheriff of Shasta County that a saddle had been picked up numbered Q65A, we could tell him that the saddle was registered in San Francisco by the Nolte Olsen Saddle Shop and was their 65th saddle, registered to so and so.

We want to register every saddle in the State, both Western and English. The more saddles that are registered, the better the plan will work.

We recommend that letters and numbers approximately one-quarter to three-eighths inches high be used. We understand that there is something similar to this in government surplus stores.

If a saddle is sold, the new owner should write to us, giving his name, address and phone number, and the number of the saddle, enclosing one dollar to change the records so that the saddle will be properly registered. If the old registration certificate is available, he should enclose that also.

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**MEETING ON MASTER STATE
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MHA DIRECTORS**

Your MHA directors were among those present at a meeting held to discuss progress made on the Master State Trail in Contra Costa County at the Pacheco Adobe near Concord on August 1. According to Warren T. Hannum, who spoke briefly at the meeting, Contra Costa County has won first in the state-wide race to have the first state riding trail. Counties who will run a close second are San Diego, San Mateo, and Los Angeles.

Mr. Hannum, who is State Director of Natural Resources, declared that Governor Warren is vitally interested in the State Riding Trail, realizes the value of such a state-wide recreation project, and approves dedication of the project as a living War Memorial to honor sons of California who died in the service. Many other state officials are also whole heartedly behind the program.

Mr. John A. Miller was chairman of the meeting and told his experiences in signing up property owners along the route of the proposed state trail from Martinez to the State Park of Mt. Diablo. He illustrated his talk with a detailed map and stated that only one signature is lacking in the Martinez district.

Other speakers during the meeting were: John Diggs, chairman, and Kent Weaver, a member of the State Riding and Hiking Trail Advisory Committee; George Cardinet, Jr., past president of the California State Horsemen's association; and Ray Stone, Executive Secretary of the California State Horsemen's association.

Dedication of the Contra Costa portion of the State Riding trail will be held in conjunction with the Martinez Sports Carnival (see the Secretary's Mail Bag in this issue of the "Trail Blazer" for invitation from Martinez Horsemen's association) in September.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Miller turned things over to the Contra Costa Horsemen's association who finished the evening up in grand style. Hostesses Mrs. Earl Sanko, wife of the president; Mrs. Pat Shaw, Mrs. Schonenberger, and Mrs. Harry Thayer provided a delicious, bountiful supper. Afterwards the orchestra took over and guests danced til the wee hours.

Directors from the MHA and members present were: Don Marquis, president; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Paul; Misses Mary Gale and Betty Chute; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Simons, Frank Colbourn, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Richards.

Other associations represented were: Martinez Horsemen's association, Contra Costa Horsemen, El Sobrante Riders, Contra Costa Rangers, Contra Costa Sheriff's Posse, Pittsburg Horsemen's association, Concord Trail Riders and the Lafayette Horsemen.

M. H. A. Activities

CHANGES IN MHA SHOW DATE !

Sept. 11—3rd QUARTERLY OPEN FORUM
Woodminster Amphitheatre
Club Room, 8 p.m., Thursday

Sept. 13: DEDICATION OVERNIGHT RIDE

Oct. 2—BOARD MEETING

Thrifty Federal Savings and Loan
Association.
1706 Franklin Street
8 p.m.

Oct. 11-12 — 5th ANNUAL MHA HORSE
SHOW

Complete details will appear in
next month's "Trail Blazer".

Oct. 16, 17, 18, 19—STATE CONVENTION
Stockton, California.

NOTICE — Another Invitation
Contra Costa Horsemen's Association
invite M.H.A. Directors and Members
to a Fiesta at the Pacheco Adobe out
of Concord on Saturday, September
6 at 8 o'clock for an evening of games,
dancing and entertainment.

JUNIORS ENJOY PICNIC

On Sunday, August 10th, a fine group of our members gathered at the Orchard Picnic Grounds in Redwood Regional Park for a picnic and weiner roast. The day was dedicated to the juniors and mother and dad just went along for the ride.

As soon as the last crumbs of the picnic lunch disappeared, Archie Brown, Chairman of our Activities Committee, started games going for all the juniors. There were sack races, watermelon races, tire races, musical chairs, and other fun-loving events for the kids. In between races, Archie Brown, Salami Joe and Mrs. Osa Burke exhibited their fine horses for the children. The event was brought to a close with more hot dogs and soda pop consumed, and it was a tired bunch of juniors that rode home late that afternoon.

Archie Brown wishes to thank all his committee members, as well as the Lariettes who served the lunch, and the mothers and dads who came along and helped make the event so enjoyable for the kids.

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The above is the tentative program as planned by Archie Brown and his live wire committee for the afternoon and evening of September 13. According to tentative plans, the activity will follow a schedule as follows:

1. Morning division leaves the Crossroads at 9:30 a.m. Afternoon division leaves the Crossroads at 1:30 p.m. (Plan to leave in the morning and enjoy a full day of swimming and boating.)
2. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. (probably roast turkey).
3. Dancing and entertainment in the evening.
(Winner of the Trail Naming Contest will be announced.)
4. Turn in when you wish.
5. Breakfast 9 a.m. Sunday morning.
6. Return ride—morning or afternoon as you wish.

The ride over our new trail will be conducted jointly by the Trails Committee and the Activities Committee. Chairman Ted Dreyer, Mr. Graham, and Attorney Brown, who planned the new trail, will be on hand to lead the large turn out over this new scenic trail—one of the most beautiful in the West!

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Of the many complaints received by S.P. C. A. Deputies Jack Richards and Archie Brown this month, the two most serious concerned the harsh treatment of a privately owned animal and the eternal problem of open gates.

The complaint received from Hugh Henry has to do with the use of the Big Bear Trail. Unthinking horsemen using the trail are continuously leaving the gate open, and allowing the horses to wander out onto the highway. According to reports, the guilty ones are "rent riders." However, unless this problem is corrected very soon, the **gate will be closed to all riders.** Let's take it upon ourselves to catch the culprits and make clear to them the seriousness of this situation. Pass the word along and make every effort to keep the gate closed! Let's all try to respect the property rights of others—they are generous with the horsemen and the least the horsemen can do is **CLOSE GATES.** Thank You.

Regarding the complaint in Castro Valley, it seems that a certain individual while in the act of mistreating his horse, was seen by a neighbor who reported the act to the S.P. C.A. Upon investigating the matter, Deputies Jack Richards and Archie Brown found the report to be true. The owner turned out to be of the opinion that the privilege of ownership entitled him to use and abuse his horse. Seems the man was very antagonistic and most difficult to deal with; however, the deputies finally brought the man to reason. The individual apparently expected to be arrested, but Jack patiently explained it wasn't the policy of the S.P.C.A. Deputies to arrest offenders. Their job is to make the offender understand and be sympathetic towards animals. The horse is an individual with feelings and justly entitled to humane treatment from man.

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Joyce Moore
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George Rausch
Helen Shafer
Marilyn Shaw
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Joan Wood

Introducing New MHA Members

Those riding Ransoms of Lyman Road are quite a sight to behold on the trails. They keep their horses, Tony and Flight, at the Shrine Rangers Stables. Tony belongs to Ruth who attends Cal and is majoring in music. Sister June rides the flashy chestnut Flight. June will enter Cal this fall and hopes to become a journalist. However, June is looking for a good pinto mount so that her Dad, Frank Ransom can use it in the Rangers Drill Team.

Faye Wheat has been an active member of the Membership Committee of MHA. Although a new member, Faye really digs in and works as hard at getting members as she does in riding on Tuesday nights at Cressmount. Faye is employed at Standard Oil Company in San Francisco.

Dorothea Wolbold who graduated from Cal in May is one of the good standby members of the Tuesday Night group at Cressmount. Dorothea owns a beautiful Boxer called Baron. She spent three weeks at Honeywell's Ranch getting used to Western riding in that rugged country.

Erna and Bob Van Den Berg both ride at Cressmount—Bob Van Den Berg is the instructor of the evening classes and Erna rides with the Upson Downs group. Both are enthusiastic about horses and riding and Bob has many novel ideas to present to the classes making the instruction always a surprise as to what will be offered.

John and Phyllis Theil both ride with the Tuesday night group at Cressmount. Phyllis is already a nice rider and John is learning fast. John was in the Army Air Corp during the war and is really enjoying his riding.

Mrs. Roy C. Anderson of Berkeley rides the trails around Oakland and has plenty of company with her daughter, Karen. Mrs. Anderson hopes to be able to ride flat saddle before long, and at present is interested in Western equitation.

Joan Nichols, who attends St. Elizabeth's in Oakland, is very much interested in becoming a commercial artist. Joan's chestnut saddle and standardbred gelding, Bill, is stabled at Pinto Ranch. Joan says Bill is the biggest horse in the hills and enjoys riding him under a flat saddle. Joan is interested in all sports but says riding is tops with her.

Nellie Winslow, aunt of Cherie Mae Winslow, is a social worker in Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and says that riding is the best relaxation. Nellie and Cherie Mae are often seen on the trails riding together.

Mrs. Louis Albert of Jordan Road owns a dandy mare Pepper and is often seen riding with her daughter Barbara. Both Alberts have a lively interest in Pepper's colt and have great plans for his future.

Hardy Wandesforde and Mrs. Cordelia Wandesforde are the proud owners of four

Special Notice

The California State Horsemen's Association is now publishing a monthly HORSEMEN'S BULLETIN to be mailed to members of those associations belonging to C.S.H.A. Each MHA member will receive a copy of this publication on or about the first of each month. Mailing will be handled by the MHA secretary, who will see that important **MHA activity notices** are printed in **RED** in the space at the top of the **back page** provided for this purpose.

The coming September issue will contain news on the State Convention and the Blue Ribbon Show.

"Mumms" the Word!

In case you are interested, we want to remind you there is still time to get in on the "MAGNUM OPUS" being planned by President Don Marquis and the Membership Committee. Any MHA member who succeeds in bringing in five or more members, dating from July 1, will be eligible to attend. The date and place of this surprise Breakfast is to be announced in a coming issue of the Trail Blazer.



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nice mares which are stabled at their three acre plot on Ascot Drive. All four mares are Morgan type—Gypsy is Cordelia's favorite and is learning to rope and likes to work cattle. Cherokee—Hardy's pet—is a snappy bay full of pep. Lux—the youngest of the lot—is a registered half Morgan with a delightful single foot gait. The fourth is Patsy a brood mare. The Wandesforde's live adjoining Redwood Park and enjoy many lovely rides through the redwoods.

Mrs. Juanita Gray, owner of that lovely gelding, General, rides at Cressmount and is enthusiastic about jumping and dressage work. Mrs. Gray rides with the Upson Downs group on Wednesday nights as well as on week-ends.

E. C. N. Hawkins, member of Upson Downs group has been riding at Cressmount for several years, and always enters into activities of the group with zest. Mr. Hawkins was with the British Army serving in India and Far East, so has many interesting tales to spin when the group gather for coffee after their weekly rides.

Bob McCarty is employed by the Southern Pacific Company in San Francisco and is a newcomer at Cressmount where he rides on Tuesday nights. Bob wants a nice pleasure horse. Bob spends much time on week-ends riding and helping around the stable, because he figures that the more he learns the better off he will be when he has his own horse.

Lorraine Larceda, another newcomer at Cressmount, is anxious to have her own horse. Lorraine rides with the Tuesday night group and is enthusiastic about trail riding in the hills. Lorraine is working at Permanente hospital and finds riding a grand way to relax and enjoy life.

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2nd ANNUAL EAST BAY HORSE SHOW



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Junior Activities

JUNIOR GYMKHANA CLUB HORSE SHOW, SEPT. 13

The first annual Junior Gymkhana Club Horse Show, for riders under 21 years, will be held on Saturday afternoon and evening September 13. On Sunday, the 14th, the Sixth Annual Hunter Trials will be held at the club in San Mateo.

Afternoon classes in the Junior show will include: Children's Jumpers, for contestants 14 and under and 15 to 20; polo pony stake race; western trail horses; hunter hacks; three gaited horses, pair class, horsemanship for those 14 years and under and the awarding of the Gerald Haddon Memorial Trophy.

Evening classes include: Open jumpers; model showmanship; five gaited horses; pleasure horses; stock horses; groups of four; polo ponies; horsemanship for those 15 to 20 years; and a hurry scurry back alley course.

Horse show committee members are: Peggy Wood, chairman; Betsy Wood, Nancy Wood, Jane Wood, Maureen Dooher, Donald Nathan, Denny Kennedy, Helga Biermer, and Beverly Daniels. Entry fees are two dollars in each class. General admission will be approximately fifty cents and twenty-five cents for children under 12 years. The public is invited to attend.

EL CABALLO VOLANTE JUNIOR SHOW

Members of El Caballo Volante, Junior group of the Contra Costa Horsemen's association, held their first horse show in Walnut Creek on Sunday, August 24. According to President Pat Ponten, the show is designed to give their members and guests (all juniors) an opportunity to gain experience in the show ring in all kinds of events. It was a ribbon and trophy show.

El Caballo Volante Horsemen's association is composed of a lively group of juniors who have their own officers, sponsor activities and are interested members of the State Horsemen's association. Representatives from the "Flying Horsemen" attend Regional District meetings and have a decided voice in what goes on. Officers are: Pat Ponten, president; Nance Ponten, vice-president; Marj. Pugh, secretary; and Kirby Morgan, C.S.H.A. representative.

Last month, several members of the group took a four-day ride to Mt. Diablo. They camped at Barbecue Terrace and explored Mitchell Canyon. Among those participating were: Jo Ann Parkel, Barbara and Norma Burnside, Marj. Pugh, and Pat and Nance Ponten. Pat reported no casualties except that some raccoons helped themselves to the food. Everyone was enthusiastic about the trek and are planning a longer and better ride in the near future.

NEWS OF THE JUNIOR MEMBERS

Sonny and Janice Gates are busy these days training the new additions to their stable at Hy-on-a-Hill Ranch in Chabot Park Estates. The new additions are two matched pinto Shetland Pony geldings, Pancho and Barney. In addition to being good miniature trail horses, the ponies are being trained by Sonny and Janice to work as stock horses and drive as a harness team. They are a featured attraction at the many picnics held at El Rancho Bonita and have given hundreds of children many hours of real enjoyment.

Janet Phillips, one of our enthusiastic Juniors, has a nice grey mare, Babe. Janet plans to enter Babe in the Junior division of the coming MHA show. The write-up of the new trail in the Trail Blazer spurred Janet and her riding companion, Barbara Baxter (another Junior member) to investigate the trail to Lake Anza. They made the trek in seven hours and heartily recommend the ride to others.

Marion (Happy) Clements rides at Cressmount with the Shongehon group. Some day Happy hopes to make art a paying proposition, for she enjoys drawing horses and does very creditable work. She says Killarney is her favorite mount with Trinity Tim a close second. She has started jumping and considers it "most exciting". Marion attends Piedmont High.

Peggy Day rides with the Pegasus Patrol group at Cressmount and during the summer has been exercising Windy Smith's hunter, Timberline. Peggy went on a pack trip to Blaney Meadows for three weeks where she fished with flies which she tied herself. Next semester, Peggy will attend Lady of Lourdes school in Oakland. According to her family, she will either end up being a lady jockey or a circus performer. Peggy swims well but declares there's nothing equal to riding.

Windy Smith, owner of that good steady hunter, Timberline, is vacationing at San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito with his family. Windy rides with Pegasus Patrol and has entered Timberline in shows this season. He recently acquired a Pariani saddle of which he is almost as proud as he is of Timberline.

Cherie Mae Winslow is spending the summer with her Dad in Oakland and trailered her flashy bay Morgan gelding from Beverly Hills where she spends the winter and attends school. Besides being a good horsewoman, Cherie is very much interested in art and draws horses.

Karen Anderson has been spending the summer at Four Winds Camp in Washington and has been doing a lot of trail riding in that lovely country. Anne Conwell from Montclair recently returned from a trip to Illinois where she visited her grandparents.

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Anne had the time of her life riding her Grandfather's horses, attending the County Fair and doing lots of swimming.

Barbara Alberts and her Morgan mare, Penny, are a familiar sight on the trails. Barbara attends Laurel school. She is very interested in her mother's mare Pepper and her colt. Barbara Baxter rode her gelding, Gentleman Jim on the Trail Ride to Diablo and reported it to be a wonderful ride.

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2nd ANNUAL EAST BAY SHOW

The classification list of the coming Fall Horse Show scheduled at Cressmount Sunday, October 26th, will be arranged with an attempt to provide for a much needed handicap for certain riders as well as a more just opportunity for the less experienced. The list will segregate winners and non-winners which will result in a two-fold advantage by stimulating the experienced show riders as well as providing much needed encouragement for the enthusiastic novice. Your ideas for classes are solicited. Exhibitors interested in this show will kindly contact Cornelia Cress, Manager-Director, Mills College.

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AT THE PRIVATE STABLES

Gerald Gray is the fortunate owner of two grand horses and two very flashy young things. His favorite riding horse is Chum, a golden chestnut with silver mane and tail. Chum is a Morgan type horse and was sired by the Palomino stallion, Silver, owned by Cal Clement.

His mare, Matilija, is part Standard bred, a bay with a white flash down her face. She ran loose back in the hills until she was six years old. She is the mother of the two fillies. The older filly, a chestnut, is named Twink, and although only two and one-half years old, she stands 15.1 and weighs twelve hundred pounds. The younger filly is a yearling and hasn't quite made up her mind what color she will be, vacillating between silver rose grey and a blue roan. However, she has made up her mind to wear two short white socks in front and two long white stockings behind. Her name is Fancy That.

The B. F. Bradleys are the owners of two beautiful registered Saddle bred colts. The two-year-old is a liver chestnut colt with four white feet and a blaze, named Devil's Decorator. He is by Adorable Devil. Mrs. Bradley, the former Lucille Smith, has been schooling him in a biting rig and ground driving him. The other foal is his half-sister both being out of the show mare, Lurline Dare, who produced four champions. The filly named Winsome Dare is a bright chestnut with mixed flaxen mane and tail. She was sired by Del Monte's King by Edna May's King, by Bourbon King. The Bradleys have begun their country home in Orinda with a large barn and a post rail fence for the colts. They hope to complete the house for themselves sometime within the next two months. Just like most of us "the horses first", is their motto, so here is wishing them success and happiness in their new venture.

Mr. A. B. Graham has sold his bay mare, Dolly, to the Abbots who live on Lincoln Drive.

Adorable Devil, a former grand champion in model classes, was sold at public auction recently to T. J. Wooten. Mr. Wooten plans to have the Devil trained for his wife to show in Pleasure Horse Classes. The Wootens are building a place in the subdivision near the Rancho Bonita where Adorable Devil will reign as king.

Mrs. Noni Nichols placed an ad with the TRAIL BLAZER offering a delightful apartment for rent and accommodations for the renter's horse. Mrs. Osa Harper answered the ad immediately and moved in, taking with her of course, her bay Saddle bred gelding, Highland Boy. Both Osa and Boy look happy over the change.

AT THE PIEDMONT STABLES

A new boarder has come to the Piedmont Stables by the name of Petta Lefta, a little bay three-year-old Thoroughbred. Petta has won races at Bay Meadows, and Hollywood Park and is a high class colt. He is owned by Archie Wharton of San Pablo.

Mr. and Mrs. Chub Turner, also owners of race horses, recently brought their two pleasure horses, an appaloosa and a bay gelding, to the stables and are welcomed by Bill and Jim.

The "horse show'ers" from the Piedmont are still going strong. Walt Leatham, who bought Jim Black's reined mare, has broken the ice and dived right into the stock and pleasure classes. Walt's first show was at the Redwood stables, where he placed in all three performances and won the stock horse class on Sunday afternoon. His wife, Pearl, is learning to ride, and will soon be in the shows too.

Tiny Black, with her good horse, Rabbit, returned from the Pittsburg show recently with a handful of lettuce and a big bronze trophy for first place in the Trail class. Bill and Virginia Patten are at Lake Tahoe enjoying a little vacation. Bill's brother and wife went along.

Other Piedmont folks vacationing this month include Joyce Galeno and Arthur Denton. Harold Knudsen, owner of a large cattle ranch SOMEWHERE in northern Nevada, will be leaving on his vacation soon. Harold will probably spend his time riding the range up there and looking after his stock.

Loretta Cosca, Stanley's daughter, has been spending most of her spare time working with Jimmy Black down in the long corral. Loretta is getting to be a real little hand and a classy trick rider.

A delicious barbecue was enjoyed last week in Redwood Park by Piedmont stables. Among those present were: Bill and Janet Pray, Walt, Pearl and Larry Latham, Harold and Carmelita Cummins, Stan Cosca, Dan and Glorvia Street, Margo and Scotty Black, Jim and Tiny Black plus Butch and Binkie and Virginia and Bill Patten. After dinner the party enjoyed the fire and sang western songs.

Young Tom McNeary, a frequent visitor at the Piedmont Stables, is spending his vacation in Los Angeles. Tom will be a leading horseman in a few years. Dr. H. Allen has returned from his vacation and has brought his horses back from their vacation in pasture.

Mrs. Frank Colbourn can be seen frequently riding the trails again on her mare, Clipper, after the birth of her baby last spring.

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AT THE RANCHO SAN ANTONIO

The Rangers of Rancho San Antonio took first prize in the mounted unit division of the Lions Parade held in San Francisco on July 28. Crowds along the line of march were enthusiastic in their applause of the unit's efforts.

Those riding were: Captain Fred Bemis, Dr. J. A. Campbell, John Dell, William Ludolph, Henry Gede, Fred Anderson, Ted Dreyer, Dr. Galen Drury, Glenn Fisher, Floyd Jacobs, Clarence Simons, Frank Kelly, Ted Hackler, Emmett Boger, Jerry Jacobs and Davy Jones.

The stage coach of the Rancho, drawn by four-in-hand pinto horses was driven by Lawrence Gorvad with Archie Brown acting as guard. The following wives of the officers of the Aahmes Shrine Rangers, complete in Ranger uniforms, rode in the coach: Mrs. Fred Bemis, Mrs. Galen Drury, Mrs. Al Upton, Mrs. Henry Gede, Mrs. Davy Jones, Mrs. Ted Dreyer, Mrs. William Ludolph and Mrs. Frank Kelly.

The Rangers have been asked to appear at the following horse shows: Richmond, August 24; Santa Rosa, August 30; Martinez, September 14; Hayward, September 21; and Metropolitan, September 28.

AT RED GATES OF RIFLE LANE

The horses from Red Gates of Rifle Lane were again in the winners' circle at the Sacramento County Fair at Galt. The "prima donna" of the stable, Lady Weston, won first in hunters, ladies to ride; second in Lightweight hunters, ladies to ride; and third in the \$500 Hunter stake. Lady also won the blue ribbon in the breeding class for registered Thoroughbred mares, four years old and over, winning over some very fine mares.

Idiot's Delight, the "Old Faithful" of the stable, won first in the Jumpers, ladies to ride. O'Malley, still keeping up the good work, won second in the Amateur Jumper class; third in Jumpers, ladies to ride; and fourth in the \$500 Jumper stake. Norma Burton showed both Idiot's delight and O'Malley.

Red Gates horses have a full schedule ahead of them at shows the coming month.

AT THE WILDWOOD STABLES

Ollie and Johnny Curry are taking a much needed vacation. Nobody knows where they have gone, but it's no doubt some place where they are sure to have some fun. The Wildwood stables are under the capable management of Dutch Cummings during their absence. Johnny knew what he was doing when he selected Dutch for the job. She is quite a wrangler.

Bob Schwartz recently bought a brown and white pinto named Poker from Johnny Curry, and is keeping the horse at the Wildwood.

AT THE BIG BEAR STABLES

Virgil Piper has a new horse with a blaze face called Tar Baby which he boards at the Big Bear stables. Lem Wooten has returned to the barn with Ladd, his bay horse, who is quite a pet.

AT CRESSMOUNT

Marilyn Michener, past president of Shongehon, has joined the Upson Downs riders on Wednesday nights. Peggy Day, Dorothy Gross, and Charlotte Lockner have been "exercise boys" at Cressmount this summer, so that the horses will be well muscled for jumping by fall.

News that another shipment of Pariani saddles have arrived in port caused rejoicing at Cressmount. Among the lucky new owners are the Van Den Berghs, Don Marquis, Mrs. Juanita Gray, Miss Candon, and several San Mateo riders.

Marilyn Shaw is looking for a nice thoroughbred pleasure horse. Marilyn has placed in many equitation events and hunter classes in the shows. The Mulford's are looking for a desirable sire for Florian's colt-to-be. Florian has carried Adele and Mollie on many good rides and now with Sue Ellen coming along they will need another mount.

Miss Cornelia Cress and Mary Lou Hutton made a trip to Mt. Shasta country where Mary Lou's uncle has a ranch. Miss Cress was impressed with the lovely paddocks with fresh water gurgling through and the lush green grass which makes for good horseflesh.

Frank and Leila Ray just returned from a vacation trip which was shortened because of difficulty in getting accommodations. Barbara Bechtel has been counselor at the 4 Winds Camp in Washington. She writes that the country is beautiful and there are good times aplenty. Barbara will be back in the fall to attend Arts and Crafts School.

Win Johnson has been riding Peter Patch in the shows this year and has been doing a good job with him in the Jumping events. Lorraine Larceda and Bob McCarty can be seen around the Cressmount stable every weekend helping around the barn as well as riding, so that they will have a well-rounded horse education when they get mounts of their own in the future.

The Tuesday night group answered the call of the trail with another loop ride recently but the dust was a distinct handicap. Among the riders were: Mr. and Mrs. Theil, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Faye Wheat, Bob McCarty, Lorraine Larceda, Dorothy Oberlinter and Mary Lou Hutton.

Don Marquis has been riding with the Upson Downs group and is doing nicely in class with Gay Mate and his jumper, Count Lynn.

Mrs. Edson Adams and Donzel Watson took to the wilds of Kern County on a three-weeks pack trip. From all reports they had a wonderful time.

WITH THE BOOTS AND JEANS CLUB

Another successful Boots and Jeans party was held at Sequoia Lodge last month. Seventy-five members and guests were present and enjoyed games and dancing. A good supper, served by Velma Charette, chairman of the evening, completed the festivities.

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Pearl Liebl was heartily welcomed back in the saddle at the Pinto Ranch after being laid up with a broken arm recently. Bob Armstrong has his roping horse, Vic, a sorrel gelding at the Pinto. Bob surely likes to rope and never misses an opportunity to throw a few loops. His little brother and sister also have horses at the ranch.

A new addition to the Pinto ranch is an appaloosa stallion, spotted like a drunkard's dream. Carmelita Cummins came home from the Pittsburg horse show with a beautiful trophy won as the best dressed cow girl, and ribbons in the trail class and in the stallion-in-hand class won with Reo, her Thoroughbred stallion.

INTRODUCING NEW MHA MEMBERS

Cont. from page 10

Norman Armstrong stables his bay mare Polly at Dr. O'Hanneson's J. O. Ranch. Mr. Armstrong is an engineer, who believes in relaxing by riding the trails on Polly.

William R. Arnold has a three acre place in Walnut Creek complete with stables, and a lovely sorrel Tennessee Walking horse named Denver which he trails to the Oakland hills to ride. Two grown children, Bob and Helen, also share their Dad's enthusiasm for riding.

Lillie F. Clark rides at the Western Stables but comes from Walnut Creek. She brings son Donald, age 9, along to share her rides.

Robert W. Gruener was a MHA member before moving to Calistoga. Bob sold his nice pinto horse Lucky and since then has moved back to Oakland. He will buy another horse soon. Mr. Gruener's other hobby, aside from riding, is collecting guns.

Sam Humphrey has been riding a nice bay gelding named Monte. The horse was recently sold but Sam plans to buy another mount soon. Betty, his daughter, rides with him. During the war, Sam worked for the government but is now in the wholesale lumber business for himself.

Jerald Jacobs, son of Floyd Jacobs (Aahmes Shrine Ranger), just bought a nice pinto gelding named Pancho which he rode in the foursome with Si Simons, Frank Kelly, and Floyd Jacobs at the Redwood Stables show to win first place. Jerald attends Cal.

Marion Mix, daughter of Tom Mix, rides at Miss Graham's Stables and her favorite mount is Blaze.

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—See Ad on page 7

FIRE PROOF CHESTS

Dropped in to see how our newest advertiser, Mr. Peck, was making out during the hot days, and bumped into a mid-summer sale while in the store. Some elegant and effective electric fans had been marked down to \$39.75 and they were going fast!! Peck's are the exclusive agents for the Standard Duplicators and the Mar Stencil Duplicators. They also have the Royal Typewriter agency. We spotted some compact-looking Royal Portables, and some efficient big Royals for sale, and visited their typewriter repair department reputed to cure any typewriter ailment. On the shelves were supplies of paper, carbon, erasers and all sorts of necessary gadgets, plus a complete line of drawing materials. Typewriter tables and chairs were also available. Musn't forget—they rent out typewriters too, not decrepit models either, but good new speedy machines that make typing a pleasure! As we were leaving, we spotted a very interesting and unusual item for sale, a burglar and fire proof TREASURE CHEST for housing valuable papers and possessions. It comes in two sizes, the larger which sells for \$22.50 and the small for \$9.00, both in a nice greenish finish. By the way, Peck's also order supplies on request and deliver goods all over Metropolitan Oakland. Mr. Peck proudly informed us he had five men on the staff and their establishment is enviable in its completeness. Go in and see for yourself!

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ENGLISH SADDLES

A visit to SHEA AND POSTON SADDLERY revealed a mighty enticing collection of items appealing to the horseman. Mr. Poston graciously took us on a tour of the shop pointing out with pride that his stock was adequate and there was plenty more coming along.

It was interesting to find out that when an Eastern saddle manufacturer visited the saddle establishments in England recently, he found English saddlemakers to be around 70 years of age, with no apprentices to train for the business. The Easterner then struck on the idea of having English makers send trees and leather to his place in U.S. where his saddlemakers could assemble the saddles. Mr. Poston has been fortunate in being able to obtain orders from this particular Eastern manufacturer and will be in a position to give his customers a unique service within a few months.

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Mr. Poston is enthusiastic about the saddlery they will have at the State Fair Grounds which will be near the show barns. MHA members are cordially invited to visit the display at the Fair Grounds where they will find comfortable chairs and a cheery atmosphere.

Shea and Poston have a complete line of horse blankets, coolers, breezers, and sheets. We found all kinds of boots for gaited horses as well as harness and driving equipment. They also have all kinds of grooming equipment, some Forward Seat saddles, veterinarian and stable supplies, polo items, hard-to-get glycerine saddle soap, Western equipment and even a set of goat harness. There was a good supply of girths ranging from 42" to 54", Fitzwilliam and the three-fold leather girths. For the antique collector, there were boxes of old initials used on tack boxes, bridle rosettes. Not only do they have horse supplies but items for the hunter and fisherman. If they do not have what one wants they make every effort to get it.

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HORSES TRAINED

RUTH GARRATT OF RIFLE LANE is so pleased with the progress that her lovely Albino-Arabian filly Sundown has made under the expert hand of Mr. Gene Southard that she has advertised the fact in the September Blazer. Sundown is being trained to drive and ride. The progress she has made thus far under Gene's excellent care and training is amazing. In fact, Mrs. Garratt is so delighted with the results that she has offered to make her training facilities available to anyone interested in having their horses trained by Mr. Southard. She is equipped with a training ring and extra corrals and stalls in her ranchette in Rifle Lane. If any of you members have a horse to be broken or trained for riding or driving, Mr. Southard will be available for the job and Mrs. Garratt can accommodate the horse during the training period.

—See Ad on page 7

BLACK RIDING COATS

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Not only does the Broadway cater to English riders but to the Western devotees as well. We found a line of those snappy white three inch brim Western hats as well as a colorful array of Western shirts in gabardines, both two tone and plain, as well as the embroidered numbers. There were just lots and lots of Frontier pants, both men's and ladies', in cotton gabardine, sixty-five and 100 per cent wool, Levis and ladies blue denim pants, Frontier style.

There are a few saddles and accessories for your horse as well as yourself, but Ed does emphasize wearing apparel for the rider. There is also a good line of fishing and hunting supplies.

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